

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC.	DOCKET NO. RPU-01-1 (TF-00-297)
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**ORDER AMENDING CERTIFICATE, APPROVING TARIFF,  
AND CLOSING DOCKET**

(Issued March 2, 2001)

On November 29, 2000, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a letter and revised tariff page to its Iowa Telephone Tariff No. 4. In its letter, AT&T proposes to expand its local service territory and amend its local certificate to add the exchange areas of Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. (Frontier), South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. (South Slope), Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa (Heartland), Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Jesup, Iowa (Farmers Mutual), and Shell Rock Telephone Company (Shell Rock).

On December 28, 2000, South Slope, Heartland, and Shell Rock filed a request that the Board docket AT&T's request for amendment of its certificate and the proposed revised service area tariff page. The objectors stated they have concerns regarding the expansion of AT&T's certificate. They also stated they were discussing their concerns with AT&T.

On January 9, 2001, the Board issued an order docketing this matter and directing the parties to continue discussions and file a status report on or before January 19, 2001. The parties did not file a formal status report, but they attempted to keep the Board informed regarding the progress of their negotiations through informal communications with Board staff. As a result of those communications, the Board issued an order on February 14, 2001, extending the time for filing a status report.

On February 16, 2001, the parties filed a joint letter informing the Board as follows:

[T]hey have reached agreement with respect to issues concerning AT&T's requested expansion of its tariff to cover the territories of the above-named companies. All parties agree that AT&T's requested expansions of its tariff and certificate may be granted without further proceedings or delay. AT&T further agrees that the next time it seeks to expand its local service offering in the above-mentioned carriers' territories beyond the Digital Link Service referenced in its current application, it will give notice of same to the above-mentioned carriers.

Thus, it appears the parties have resolved the issues they identified with respect to AT&T's proposed tariff revision TF-00-297. The Board will approve the tariff revision and amend AT&T's certificate accordingly.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The proposed tariff revision filed on November 21, 2000, by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., and identified as TF-00-297, is approved.

2. Certificate No. 0176, originally issued to AT&T on October 10, 1997, will be amended to reflect AT&T's revised service territory. The amended certificate will issue concurrently with this order.

3. This docket is hereby closed, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Acting Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2001.